

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani
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DATE: May 3, 2002

RE: Insurance Coverage and Length of Stay of Children's Services Clients: FY2001

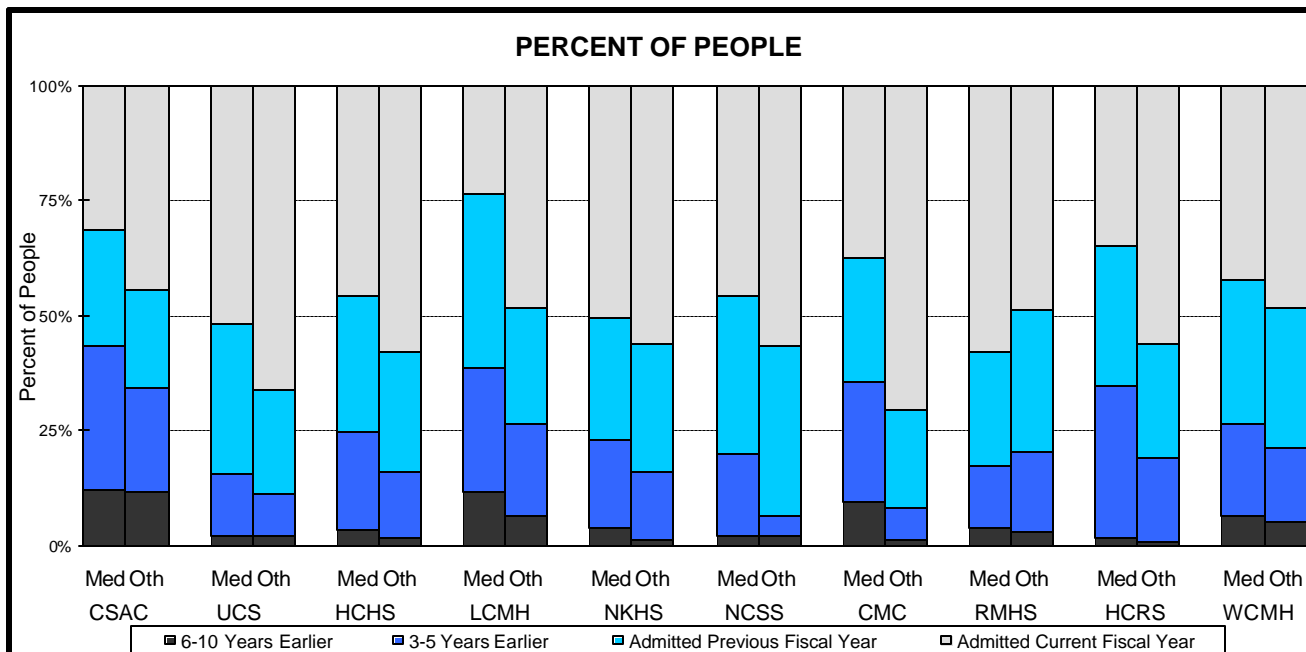
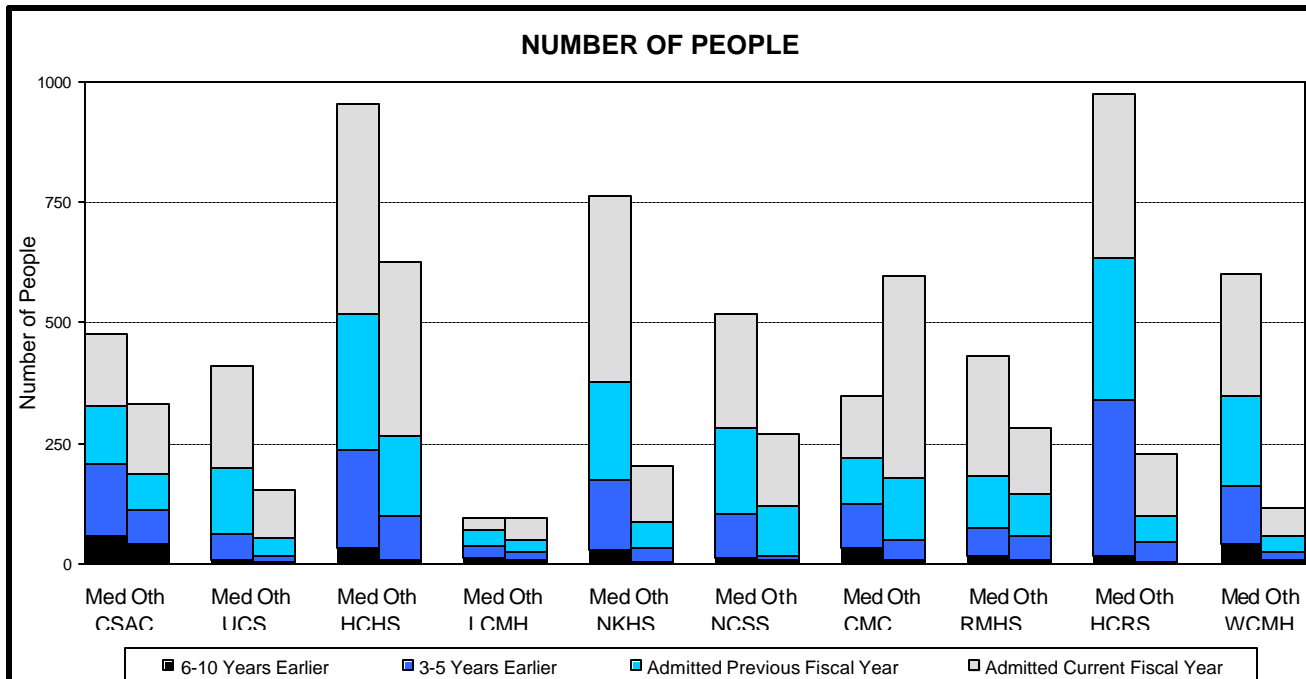
In response to last week's PIP on variation of length of stay among children services programs in Vermont, Bret Longgood of Riverbend CMHC in New Hampshire suggested we look at the impact of insurance coverage (especially Medicaid) on length of stay. The attached pages provide the results of analysis relevant to that issue.

During FY2001, two thirds of all recipients of CMHC children's services in Vermont were covered by Medicaid. There was however, substantial variation among local programs in Medicaid coverage rates. Medicaid covered more than 80% of the people served by two local providers (Washington at 84% and Southeast at 81%), but covered less than half of the people served by two other local programs (Orange at 37% and Lamoille at 49%).

Statewide, Medicaid clients were more likely to be long-term care clients (admitted 3-5 or 6+ years earlier) and less likely to be short-term clients (admitted during the current fiscal year) than non-Medicaid clients. Twenty-eight percent of Medicaid clients were receiving long-term care, as compared to 16% of non-Medicaid clients. Forty-three percent of Medicaid clients were short-term clients, compared to 57% of non-Medicaid clients. Medicaid clients were 75% more likely to be long term than non-Medicaid clients. Non-Medicaid clients were 32% more likely to be short term than Medicaid clients. Medicaid clients were more likely to be long term than non-Medicaid clients at all but one local program (Rutland).

We look forward to your comments regarding the source of the observed variation. Please send your comments, questions, and suggestions for further analysis to pip@ddmhs.state.vt.us or call 802-241-2638.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS **TIME IN SERVICE BY FUNDING SOURCE, FY2001**



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Region/Provider	Funding	Admitted to Treatment								Total Reported	
		Current Fiscal Year		Previous Fiscal Year		3-5 Years Earlier		6+ Years Earlier			
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Statewide	Medicaid	2,417	43%	1,640	29%	1,259	23%	253	5%	5,569	66%
	Other	1,660	57%	757	26%	387	13%	89	3%	2,893	34%
	Total	4,077	48%	2,397	28%	1,646	19%	342	4%	8,462	
Addison - CSAC	Medicaid	149	31%	122	26%	148	31%	58	12%	477	59%
	Other	146	44%	71	22%	74	22%	39	12%	330	41%
	Total	295	37%	193	24%	222	28%	97	12%	807	
Bennington - UCS	Medicaid	213	52%	135	33%	55	13%	8	2%	411	73%
	Other	102	66%	35	23%	14	9%	3	2%	154	27%
	Total	315	56%	170	30%	69	12%	11	2%	565	
Chittenden - HCCHS	Medicaid	437	46%	282	30%	200	21%	34	4%	953	60%
	Other	360	58%	164	26%	91	15%	9	1%	624	40%
	Total	797	51%	446	28%	291	18%	43	3%	1,577	
Lamoille - LCMHS	Medicaid	22	24%	35	38%	25	27%	11	12%	93	49%
	Other	46	48%	24	25%	19	20%	6	6%	95	51%
	Total	68	36%	59	31%	44	23%	17	9%	188	
Northeast - NKHS	Medicaid	386	51%	204	27%	144	19%	30	4%	764	79%
	Other	113	56%	56	28%	30	15%	2	1%	201	21%
	Total	499	52%	260	27%	174	18%	32	3%	965	
Northwest - NCSS	Medicaid	236	46%	177	34%	93	18%	11	2%	517	66%
	Other	153	56%	101	37%	11	4%	6	2%	271	34%
	Total	389	49%	278	35%	104	13%	17	2%	788	
Orange - CMC	Medicaid	130	37%	94	27%	91	26%	32	9%	347	37%
	Other	420	70%	129	22%	40	7%	8	1%	597	63%
	Total	550	58%	223	24%	131	14%	40	4%	944	
Rutland -RMHS	Medicaid	250	58%	107	25%	58	13%	16	4%	431	61%
	Other	137	49%	86	31%	49	18%	8	3%	280	39%
	Total	387	54%	193	27%	107	15%	24	3%	711	
Southeast - HCRS	Medicaid	339	35%	297	30%	325	33%	14	1%	975	81%
	Other	128	56%	56	25%	41	18%	2	1%	227	19%
	Total	467	39%	353	29%	366	30%	16	1%	1,202	
Washington - WCMH	Medicaid	255	42%	187	31%	120	20%	39	6%	601	84%
	Other	55	48%	35	31%	18	16%	6	5%	114	16%
	Total	310	43%	222	31%	138	19%	45	6%	715	